

**OVERALL CONCERNS:**

- Wharton county distributing 1500 water sample kits to rural resident
- HHW collection
- Translation to Spanish and Vietnamese
- Instructions on how to clean with Clorox
- Disaster recovery centers needed in Jasper and Newton
- Wharton EJ community
- FEMA welcomes CL's participation
- FEMA not collecting HHW
- DRC is needed East of Harris
- Concerns bleach to water ratio
- Mold and debris
- Palacios City: When and where will the FEMA trailers be located

**Wharton****Summary**

- Widespread flooding damages
- Most homes have large debris piles on the streets.
- Shared outreach efforts with the emergency management coordinator, city manager, assistant to city manager, city secretary, financial official, and facilities manager.
- Posting information materials on their website
- City would like assistant locating cleaning supplies.
- Met with the maintenance supervisor for the Wharton County Junior College.
- Schools are open.

The city water supply maintained pressure during the flooding and wasn't impacted.

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Not at this time

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS**


Large mixed debris piles are located in front of homes. It appears that the piles have not been sorted to remove potential household hazardous waste, but waste containers were not visible from the road.

**Harris****Summary**

- Team visited the Baytown State of Texas/FEMA Disaster Recovery Center.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CL's spent the afternoon staffing an EPA table at the Greenspoint FEMA DRC and answered question from locals (approximately 5 families) impacted by the flood concerning mold remediation and clean up. Distributed many flyers on mold remediation and clean up.</li><li>• CL's spent the afternoon staffing an EPA table at the Baytown FEMA DRC answered questions from the locals (approximately 50 families) impacted by the flood concerning mold remediation and clean up. Distributed many flyers on mold remediation and clean up.</li><li>• Meet with Ryan Shultz, Galveston County Health District. The Health District is willing to help facilitate a location for delivery and pick up of water sample testing kits if EPA decides to offer free water testing.</li><li>• Meet with Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy (TEJAS) Group who informed that community members are being blocked and intimidated from taking samples on public lands.</li><li>• Met with TCEQ Region 12 Director. The Director indicated that TCEQ would follow up Montgomery County on the lack of debris pickup.</li><li>• Attended Fort Bend Super Neighborhood and other coalition member meetings (represents over 2000 homes). Request were made for information on mold removal and debris cleanup.</li><li>• Meet with members of the faith community to discuss needs and request were made for information on mold removal and debris cleanup.</li></ul>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Larry V. Green, Council Member of District K (districtk@hoooustontx.gov) asked for an update on the status of the superfund sites.</li> </ul>	
Questions/Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local want to know how long a gutted house will take to dry</li> <li>What concentration of bleach to water and detergent to water will work cleaning up mold</li> <li>The City of Houston Health Department would like information to advise Houston's senior population on how to safely clean their homes and properties in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey and any available information on resources and support for senior citizens who cannot physically remove sheetrock and carpet from their homes, and available supplies and protective equipment for those who can. Additionally, seniors are asking if they can safely return to their homes and the city would like information that they can use to would direct citizens to agencies who will make assessments.</li> <li>Regarding self-reporting on releases - citizens have noted that industries in Crane, Midland, Martin and Andrews counties in the Permian basin of claiming impacts from Harvey. Citizens are wondering how it this is possible given the distance from the impacted areas.</li> </ul>
Community Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does bleach work in cleaning up mold? News reports bleach is not working.</li> <li>Lack of debris pickup in Montgomery County. County is having trouble getting a contract in place to remove debris due to rates being lower than other counties. Director indicated</li> </ul>

	<p>that TCEQ would follow up Montgomery County on the lack of debris pickup.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Translation of informational flyers/brochures in other languages (Spanish, Vietnamese, etc.) are needed.</li> <li>• Communities need hard copy information on mold cleanup and other informational flyers.</li> </ul>
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<b>Questions/Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What assistance is available to areas not declares as a federal disaster are (e.g. Calcasieu Parish) prior to the meeting if possible</li> </ul>
<b>Community Concerns</b>	
<b>Matagorda</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located and provided the requested outreach materials we do have in Spanish via email.</li> <li>• Anxiously waiting on the Vietnamese translations of the materials requested by Matagorda county environmental health director on</li> </ul> 	

<b>Questions/Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we find the FEMA mobile support trailer locations day to day?</li> <li>• How do we get or facilitate the sharing of that information real time?</li> </ul>
<b>Community Concerns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Palacios City: When and where will the FEMA trailers be located?</b></li> </ul>
<b>Fort Bend</b>	
<b>Summary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located and provided the required outreach materials we do have in Spanish via email</li> <li>• Bay City still inundated with debris, see below.</li> <li>• Conducted field reconnaissance including the Canyon Gate neighborhood located in Houston, Texas.</li> <li>• Extensive damage to property requiring massive debris removal</li> <li>• Visited FEMA DRC located in Katy, Texas and spoke with acting supervisor.</li> <li>• He was amenable to EPA providing as many copies as we could give him of the various factsheets in both English and Spanish and displaying them at the DRC.</li> <li>• Planning on visiting Simonton DRC this afternoon.</li> </ul>	
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<b>Community Concerns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palacios City: When and where will the FEMA trailers</li> </ul>
<b>Liberty</b>	
<b>Summary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the 10:00 am conference call we were assigned to Liberty County.</li> <li>• At 11:00 am we attempted to contact the Liberty EOC Tom Branch. We left a message with the EOC for a call back.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 1:45pm we sent a follow up email to Tom Branch trying to make contact with the Liberty EOC. As of 4:00pm we have not received a call back.</li> <li>• We contacted the Liberty and Cleveland Health Department to try and establish contact with the county. They were receptive to any information that we could provide them and stated that there are still a lot of people in shelters and with flooded homes. We have set up a meeting with the Cleveland Health Department (Keely Sullivan) for tomorrow at 10:00am.</li> <li>• Gloria Vaugh told us about an EJ community called Los Trenos that is in Liberty County. We were given some contact information for two people that could give more insight into Los Trenos Colonies. We have attempted to establishment contact with a Pastor Charles Stokes) in the area that can provide further insight into the community and its needs.</li> <li>• We called and left a message for Pastor Charles Stokes at 3:30pm.</li> </ul>	
Questions/Comments	
Community Concerns	
<b>Jefferson</b>	
<p>Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in the morning command brief.</li> <li>• Met as a team to strategize divide tasks.</li> <li>• Met with Port Arthur Health Department:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Martha Simien, Epidemiologist</li> <li>o Judith Smith, Health Director</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Lacy Brown, Senior Sanitarian</li><li>♣ Provided approved fact sheets, brochures and tip sheets on jump drive to print and have available for residents visiting the health department.</li><li>• Suggested to add information to their website.</li><li>♣ Relayed citizen concerns (housing, mold, indoor air quality, household waste, flood cleanup, cleaning kits)</li><li>♣ Offered assistance in distributing information throughout the community</li><li>♣ Asked about other information networks we could connect with</li><li>♣ Inquired about best ways to disseminate information (social media, radio station) and to various communities including (African-American, Hispanic and Vietnamese)</li><li>♣ Suggested to post a tip-a-day on healthy homes/flood cleanup on their Facebook page</li><li>♣ Received contacts for other county/city departments:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jefferson County Health Department</li><li>• Jefferson County Environmental Health Department (covers the unincorporated areas that have well water and septic tanks)</li><li>• American Red Cross, Natalie Warren (cleaning supplies)</li><li>• Beaumont Health Director/Assistant Director</li></ul></li><li>• Made contact/Scheduling meetings with:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Jefferson County Health Department</li></ul></li></ul>	
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Questions/Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seeking approval to share: “Help Yourself to a Healthy Home” and “Safety Alternatives to Household Cleaning.”</li><li>• May need to consider additional “healthy schools” support</li></ul>
Community Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• City of Port Arthur has requested outreach materials translated in Vietnamese.</li></ul>